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MEMORANDUM

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To: All Program Sponsors

From: Pat Cook and Katherine Stewart, RD, CPFM
Office of Child Nutrition and School Health
Nutrition Education Program Consultants

Subject: Nutrient Standard Menu Planning (NSMP) Software Program Changes

A recent change has been made to the list of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved NSMP and School Meals Initiative (SMI) nutrient analysis software programs available to State agencies, school food authorities (SFA) and local schools to meet SMI requirements. *Meal Tracker Menu Planning* (formerly *Simple Menu Planning*) from Accu-Scan Division has not met the USDA requirements for use in conducting nutrient analyses for NSMP and SMI requirements for the 2007-2008 school year. The USDA-approved status for *Meal Tracker Menu Planning* will expire on July 1, 2007, because the software was not updated to include the most recent Child Nutrition Database Release 10.

SFA and local schools that are currently using *Meal Tracker Menu Planning* are hereby notified of the change in approval status and instructed to begin the procurement process for purchasing new software approved for use in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs (NSLP and NSBP) from the list located at the Healthy Meals Resource System website (HMRS). Current Accu-Scan customers can continue to use *Meal Tracker Menu Planning* until the end of the 2006-2007 school year. The current list of USDA-approved software programs is attached for your reference and can be found at:

http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/nal_display/index.php?info_center=14&tax_level=2&tax_subject=234&topic_id=1209.

Potential customers considering the purchase of *Meal Tracker Menu Planning* for use in the NSLP and NSBP for the 2007-2008 school year should be instructed to redirect their procurement efforts to include any of the other USDA-approved software packages listed at the Healthy Meals Resource System website.

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